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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING SUBSTANCES OR

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed July 8, 2010, the period of response being extended from October 8, 2010 to January 8, 2011.

Payment is made by credit card in the amount of \$1,110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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